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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PROPOSED DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE IN KHARTOUM

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES INDICATION THAT QUESTION RE-INSTITUTION DAO KHARTOUM NOW UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW. WE CAN WELL APPRECIATE DIA DESIRE FOR AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS FEASIBLE ON QUESTION. HOWEVER, IT IS HARD FOR US TO SEE HOW THIS ISOLATED ACTION CAN BE SEPARATED FROM GENERAL NORMALIZATION PROCESS INVOLVING WHOLE RANGE OF ITEMS ON WHICH POLITICAL "HOLD" WAS INSTITUTED BY SECRETARY LAST JULY. FOR SUCH NORMALIZATION PROCESS TO BEGIN, WE WOULD ASSUME SAME TYPE BROAD POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED AS WHEN CURRENT "HOLD" POLICY ADOPTED. THUS EMBASSY HARDLY IN POSITION COMMENT MEANINGFULLY ON A SINGLE COMPONENT OF THE TOTAL PICTURE, I.E., TARGET DATE FOR RE-OPENING DAO HERE. AMBASSADOR WOULD WISH HAVE OPPORTUNITY MAKE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT COUNTRY TEAM VIEWS ON INTEGRATED TIMETABLE ALL ASPECTS FOR NORMALIZATION IN ORDER MAKE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING OVERALL USG OBJECTIVES.

2. EMBASSY NEVERTHELESS WISHES EMPHASIZE THAT RE-ESTABLISHMENT DAO HERE WILL FORM IMPORTANT PART ANY PROGRAM NORMALIZATION USG/GOS RELATIONS. ALL MAJOR
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POWERS EXCEPT USG HAVE RESIDENT ATTACHES. KEY

SUDANESE POLITICAL FIGURES ARE THEMSELVES EX-OFFICERS
WHO OFTEN RECALL TO US FAVORABLY THEIR PERIODS TRAINING
IN US. WITH BRITISH CURTAILING THEIR TRAINING EFFORT
(KHARTOUM 587), SERVING SUDANESE OFFICERS WILL NO DOUBT
BE INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT
SIMILAR COLLABORATION USG. AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME
DECISION TO RE-OPEN DAO HERE WILL ACCORDINGLY BE BOTH USEFUL
TO USG AND WELCOMED BY GOS. MOVE WILL ALSO SIGNAL BETTER
DAYS AHEAD TO SUDANESE GENERALLY, SINCE THEY WILL COR-
RECTLY SEE STEP AS HARBINGER RETURN TO BROAD SPECTRUM RELA-
TIONS WHICH EXISTED BEFORE 1967 BREAK IN RELATIONS AND
HAVE NOT SINCE THEN BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED.
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